

Transportation and Communications Committee

Action Minutes for October 7, 2004

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Transportation & Communications Committee. Audio recordings of the meeting may be heard in the SCAG office during office hours.

The Transportation & Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace. There was a quorum.

Committee Chair: Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace
Committee Vice Chair: Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel

Members Present

Jim Aldinger
Harry Baldwin
Paul Biane
Lou Bone
Yvonne Burke
Lawrence Dale
Cathryn DeYoung
Bonnie Flickinger
Lee Ann Garcia
Robert Hernandez
Carol Herrera
Llewellyn Miller
Bea Proo
Tod Ridgeway
Ron Roberts
Mark Rutherford
David Spence
Dick Stanford
Tom Sykes
Don Szerlip
Sidney Tyler
Tonia Urang

Representing

Manhattan Beach
San Gabriel
San Bernardino Cty.
Tustin
Los Angeles County
Barstow
Laguna Niguel
Moreno Valley
Grand Terrace
Anaheim
SGVCOG
Claremont
Pico Rivera
Newport Beach
Temecula
Westlake Village
Arroyo Verdugo
Azusa
Walnut
South Bay Cities
Pasadena
Long Beach

Members Absent

Steve Adams
Glen Becerra
Art Brown
Tom Buckley
George Cole
Gene Daniels
Bill Davis
Richard Dixon
Judy Dunlap
John Fasana
Gary George
Frank Gurule
Isadore Hall
Peter Herzog
Tim Keenan
Robin Lowe
Bonnie Lowenthal
Patsy Marshall
Judy Mikels
Keith Millhouse
Mark Nuaimi
Pam O'Connor
Gary Ovitt
Gregi Pettis
Charles Smith
Greig Smith
Cameron Smyth
Paul Talbot

Representing

Riverside
Simi Valley
Buena Park
Lake Elsinore
Gateway Cities
Paramount
Simi Valley
Lake Forrest
Inglewood
Duarte
Redlands
Cudahy
Compton
Lake Forrest
Cypress
Hemet
Long Beach
Buena Park
Ventura County
Moorpark
Fontana
Santa Monica
Ontario
Cathedral City
OCTA
Los Angeles
Santa Clarita
Alhambra

New Members

Juan DeLara

Representing

Coachella

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee Ann Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes of September 2, 2004

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.2 Intergovernmental Review (IGR)

4.2.3 SCAG Legislative Matrix

4.2.4 Regional Transportation Plan Checklist

MOTION was made to approve the consent calendar items, SECONDED, and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items at this time.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 State Transportation Funding

Mr. Arthur Bauer, Finance Consultant to SCAG, presented this item. Mr. Bauer reviewed four points: the near-term issues of the STIP shortfall/current transportation revenues, funding equity between the northern and southern counties, the toll bridge financing for the eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge project, and the long-term

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implications of the transportation reform proposed by the California Performance Review initiated by Governor Schwarzenegger.

6.2 State and Federal Legislative Update

Staff presented an update on transportation legislation currently pending before the State Legislature. With the State Legislature set to adjourn on August 31st, the last days of the legislative session focused on a bill introduced by Senator John Burton (D-San Francisco) to appropriate funds to defray the cost overrun of the Bay Bridge, which could be as high as \$5.1 billion. A bridge bill is likely to reawaken the issue of the North-South funding disparity. Also in the Legislature, the Regional Investment in Goods Movement, Highway and Transit Act of 2004 may be conferenced with bill related to design-build.

Staff also presented an update on TEA-21 reauthorization. Recently, Congress approved an eight month extension to TEA-21, which will extend TEA-21 to May 31, 2005.

6.3 I-710 (San Pedro Ports to SR-60) Community Involvement Process Milestone

Mr. Ernest Morales, MTA, presented this item. He indicated that the Tier 2 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) has recommended a hybrid improvement strategy for the I-710, which proposes a facility with 10 general purpose and 4 dedicated truck lanes. From this point the Oversight Policy Committee (OPC) will act on the CAC's recommendation, which could occur as soon as October 28. If the OPC approves the recommendation, it will be forwarded to the MTA board for final approval.

6.4 HOV Lane Performance Study

Staff provided a report on the HOV Lane Performance Study, which is a review of HOV lane policies and operations in Orange, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties. The study described ten findings/conclusions and eight recommendations that emerged from this study, all consistent with the adopted 2004 Regional Transportation Plan and with work conducted by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (2002).

In overview, polling results confirm that 76% of respondents in the study area support HOV lanes. Favored are 24-hour-7 days a week operation, HOV lane separation from mixed-flow lanes and the 2+ HOV lane occupancy requirement.

Chair Garcia recommend that Staff bring back Dawn Hleou, HOV Coordinator at CalTrans, to do another presentation on HOV.

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6.5 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The Regional Council at their September 2, 2004 meeting approved the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Subsequently, the 2004 RTP was formally transmitted to the state and federal agencies for their review and approval. Staff provided an update on the status of the RTIP approval and on MTA Board action on funding TCM's. Staff reported that the Federal agencies have conditionally approved the RTIP as of October 4, 2004.

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

No report at this time.

8.0 CHAIR REPORT

No report at this time.

9.0 STAFF REPORT

No report at this time.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Robert Hernandez, Anaheim, requested that the subject of benefits of toll roads be brought up as in Information Item in the future.

It was suggested that GO-21 be brought up at a future committee meeting after it goes to the Goods Movement Advisory Committee (GMAC).

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heather Copp, SCAG Staff, announced that next month Staff was going to try to hold a budget workshop that lays out the framework for the budget for the next fiscal year. This item will be added on the end of the Administration Committee. Mrs. Copp asked that all policy committee members join in. Consequently, next month's TCC meeting will commence a bit later.

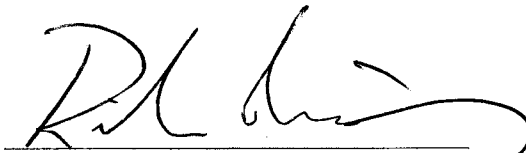
Hasan Ikhata, SCAG Staff, thanked the leadership that sits on the Committee for the MTA. Supervisor Yvonne Burke, Councilmember Bea Proo for the MTA Board's action to put fourth 1.4 billion to fund the TCM's and to get the Committee to approve the TIP, without their support it would have been almost impossible to achieve this goal.

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12.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.
The next committee meeting will be held on
November 4, 2004, 11:00 a.m., at the SCAG Office.



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